

MARRIAGE IN MEXICO.

The Engagement and Wedding Ceremonies Are Celebrated.

The Mexican people are hospitable to guests, always welcoming their friends even though they have not enough to give themselves. And they religiously visit the sick, including those who have contagious diseases. They are also addicted to public social functions, the favorite mode of entertainment being the dance. They are fond of music, though not proficient in the art of making it, probably more from lack of opportunity than from lack of capacity. The violin and guitar are the usual instruments of music, the repertoire of the local musicians being usually limited to a few tunes which are in equal demand for the dance and for the funeral.

One of the most interesting and beautiful of the social functions is the pre-dinner. When a young man wishes to marry he asks for the girl of his choice of the parents, not of the girl herself, and if she is given the pre-dinner at once follows, ushered in by shooting and demonstrations of joy. The bride and bridegroom are publicly presented to their future parents-in-law, after which the company pass in procession in front of the couple, each one dropping a piece of money into the hands of the bride. Then follows the inevitable dance. This public betrothal is considered almost as binding as marriage, and I have heard of but one instance in which the compact was not kept, the recalcitrant bridegroom in that case being visited with ostracism. The betrothal is usually followed by marriage just as soon as the services of the priest can be secured. The marriage ceremony is followed by a feast more notable for the abundance of things to drink than for things to eat and by the usual dances. Indeed the festivities are often prolonged for several nights after the wedding.—Southern Workman.

THE AGE OF STARS.

Color Aids the Astronomer in Making His Calculations.

As a star contracts from the surrounding nebulous matter from which it was thrown off its temperature rises, and with this augmented heat occurs a change both in the star's spectrum and color. Red-hot iron is not nearly so hot as white-hot iron. By observing the various changes in tint which the metal undergoes the foundryman is able to tell with considerable accuracy its degree of heat. A somewhat similar method of gauging a star's temperature, and therefore its age, is relied upon by the astronomer. Color, then, and spectroscopic analysis enable the astronomer to estimate the age of stars that are only beginning to exist as stars and others whose light is fast fading.

After having conglutinated, as it were, from a nebulous mass, a star assumes a color that may be best described as an intense bluish white, much like that of the electric arc. Stars of that hue are, therefore, in their infancy. Then comes the white stage, followed by the yellow, orange and red, each succeeding hue indicating greater celestial antiquity than the last. Up to the yellow period the star as it contracts grows hotter and hotter. Then a gradual cooling takes place. Accompanying the changes in color are changes in the spectrum of the star—changes that indicate a modification in physical structure. In the bluish white period of a star's infancy the characteristic wide lines of hydrogen gas predominate in the spectrum. As the color changes, the lines of calcium, magnesium and iron appear, the hydrogen lines gradually becoming thinner and those of calcium broader.—Booklovers Magazine.

Traffic in Human Skin.

The skin grafting experiments which have been so successful of recent years have led to a new form of livelihood, which is fairly remunerative. Several of the London hospitals have on their books the names and addresses of many men and women who have undertaken to sell portions of their cuticle whenever the necessity arises, and it is said that quite a regular traffic is now being done in the buying and selling of human skin. The persons who are willing to sacrifice their flesh for money are by no means confined to the poor and destitute class.—London Mail.

The Postal Union.

The first step toward the formation of the postal union, which has been made by the republics, came from Germany in the shape of a proposal for an international postal congress. This met at Bern in 1872, when twenty-two countries joined the union, including the whole of Europe. A second congress met in Paris in 1878, when ten other countries came in, and the official title, "International Postal Union," was definitely fixed. Its sphere was further enlarged at congresses at Lisbon in 1885 and at Vienna in 1891.

Some one asks whether success is due to luck, pluck or brains. The answer is easy—all three.

Men and Clocks.

She—A clock is different from a man. He—In what respect? She—When it strikes it keeps on working.

Understanding Poker.

The women believe that every man knows all about poker, but only a few men do. It is true, however, that nearly every man pretends to understand the game thoroughly. When there is a poker joke at a theater all the men smile and look at their women folks with a sort of pity, but the fellows who smile know very little about the game and are afraid to play it, for in almost every little social affair connected with chips and pairs there is a tin-horn gambler industriously engaged in working chumps. The few men who really understand poker have a habit of winning the money of the men who pretend to understand it, so the large majority of men know nothing about the game further than that a good hand is hard to get.—Atchison Globe.

And She Believed It.

"Henry," said his wife, "what do you need to take so many bottles along for when you're only going fishing?"

"So we can have something to cork up messages in and throw overboard, dear," he replied, "if anything should happen to the boat."

"Oh, I see. Well, do be careful, Henry. I shall be awfully uneasy."—Chicago Tribune.

No Business Depression.

"Is your business good?" asked the burglar of the counterfeiter.

"Good!" repeated the counterfeiter. "Well, I should say it was. I have been just coining money."

A Woman's No.

"Of course two negatives make an affirmative."

"But when there is a woman in the case one is sufficient."—New York Press.

There is no knowledge that is not power.—Emerson.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women." Sold under guarantee by all druggists at 50c a bottle.

Notice of Application for Charter, Etc.

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1905, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the undersigned incorporators will apply to His Excellency, the governor of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, Florida, for Letters Patent for the proposed charter given below, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided.

L. R. WOODS,
C. I. BAIRD,
J. F. BUNCH.

CHARTER OF STANDARD FERTILIZER COMPANY.

Article I—The name of this corporation shall be STANDARD FERTILIZER COMPANY. Its place of business shall be Gainesville, Alachua county, Florida.

Article II—The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be to buy, manufacture, sell and barter chemical fertilizers and such other legitimate business as pertains thereto.

Article III—The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), divided into seven hundred and fifty shares (\$100.00 each). Said stock shall be issued and sold upon such terms and conditions as may be provided for by the stockholders.

Article IV—This corporation shall exist for a period of fifty (50) years.

Article V—The business of this corporation shall be conducted by a president, a vice-president, a secretary and treasurer, and a board of directors of not less than three (3) members, who shall be elected on the first Monday in August of each and every year. The first election of officers shall be held on the seventh day of August, A. D. 1905. The business of this corporation shall be conducted until the first election and qualification of officers, by L. R. Woods, president, C. I. Baird, vice president, and J. F. Bunch, secretary and treasurer.

Article VI—The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation can subject itself shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Article VII—The names and residences of the subscribers hereto are as follows:

L. R. Woods of Gainesville, Fla., 150 shares.

C. I. Baird of Gainesville, Fla., 150 shares.

J. F. Bunch of Gainesville, Fla., 100 shares.

STATE OF FLORIDA.

Alachua County.

Personally came before me L. R. Woods, C. I. Baird and J. F. Bunch, each of whom being to me well and personally known, severally acknowledged that they each are the persons who subscribed their names to the above foregoing charter, and acknowledged the signatures severally to the said charter to be true and genuine.

Witness my hand and seal of office on this 18th day of January, A. D. 1905.

GEORGE M. COLMAN,
Justice of the Peace.

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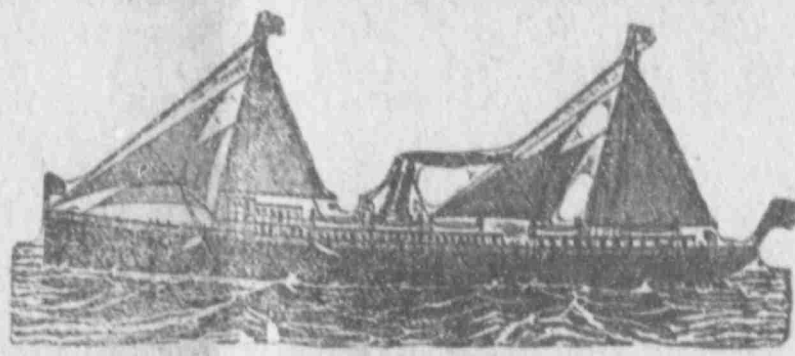
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4:10 p	8:15 p		10:05 a	Lv.....	So. Jacksonville.....	7:40 p		8:50 a	
4:35 p	9:25 p	1:20 p	11:15 a	Lv.....	St. Augustine.....	7:50 p	6:40 p	9:00 a	11:00 a
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6:25 p			1:05 p	Lv.....	Dupont.....	4:17 p			9:04 a
7:30 p				Lv.....	Hotel Ormond.....				8:50 a
7:10 p	11:30 p	5:50 p	1:34 p	Lv.....	Ormond.....	5:50 p	4:40 p	4:58 a	8:19 a
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7:50 p			1:50 p	Lv.....	Port Orange.....	5:27 p			7:40 a
7:50 p			2:00 p	Lv.....	New Smyrna.....	5:05 p	4:05 p	4:15 a	7:10 a
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7:50 p			2:40 p	Lv.....	Goova.....	1:44 p		3:15 a	
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